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Street Store offers clothes with dignity

FASHION

Event gives a real shopping experience to those struggling

Dave Baxter
Metro | Winnipeg

An event at the Indian and Metis Friendship Centre will offer people who are struggling a chance to pick up some clothes, coats, boots and other items, and with dignity.

The Street Store event will see the friendship centre turned into a pop-up clothing outlet Saturday, but everything with be offered for free for people that are homeless or under-resourced.

“So we collect donated items of clothing and we set it up as a store where they can come and do their shopping all for free,” said organizer Heather Plett.

Plett said people who are struggling should not feel they just have to settle for whatever handout someone gives them, and should feel a sense of dignity while looking for clothes and other items.

“It’s an opportunity for them to have a real shopping experience. They get to pick what they like and fits them.”

The Street Store is also a good chance for people who won’t have a regular place to stay this winter to pick up warm clothes, said Plett.

Free haircuts, coffee and snacks will also be provided.

The Street Store happens at the Indian and Metis Friendship Centre at 45 Robinson Ave. this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Behold Pluto's big rugged moon Charon, in this new image from NASA.

Study to examine effects of transit on communities

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Research focus is specifically on low-income individuals

Dave Baxter
Metro | Winnipeg

As phase two of Winnipeg's bus rapid transit (BRT) system slowly moves towards construction, one Manitoba professor is embarking on a study to see how rapid transit really affects Canadian communities.

Orly Linovski, an assistant professor in the department of city planning at the University of Manitoba, is just starting a research project to examine and compare the development of BRT systems in Winnipeg, Calgary, Ottawa and the York area of Ontario.

One of the things she wants to find out is if rapid transit systems are helping those in low-income areas that often don't have access to vehicles.

"I'm interested in how the proposed rapid transit will have an impact on people that are transit-dependant," said Linovski.

Although it will be a while before she knows the results of her research, she said Winnipeg could be doing a better job with its current transit system to help transit-dependent people.

"I think there is room for improvement, and it's not just about routes, but also about frequency and buses."

Martin Landy of the North End Community Renewal Corporation said the current transit system is not working for people in the North End, and expanding rapid transit won't make it any better.

"People are struggling because of timing and connections, " said Landy. "There is a lot of struggle in trying to connect to buses. People trying to get around within the North End have a lot of difficulty."

Cal Sinclair uses a free shuttle service provided by the North End Food Security Network once a week to go to grocery and retails stores, because he said trying to get there using Winnipeg Transit is far too difficult. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

> **"There is a lot of struggle in trying to connect to buses. People trying to get around within the North End have a lot of difficulty.** Martin Landy

Transit is far too focused on people commuting to work or events, and not focused on those who use it to get around in their own communities, said Landy.

Landy said a shuttle run by the North End Food Security Network picks up North End residents once a week and takes them to places like Superstore and Walmart, because they otherwise have no easy transit route to get to a grocery or retail store.

"We just need better connections and timing and routes," said Landy.

IN BRIEF

Nursing students pledge to be culturally sensitive

Nursing students from the University of Manitoba have staged a march to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

Wearing orange shirts with the words "every child matters," the students promised to provide culturally sensitive care once they start on the job.

Aimee Craft, the centre's research director, says it's an important gesture because nurses are on the front lines of health care.

Craft says the pledge made Wednesday is important because nurses have a lot of contact with indigenous people, but it hasn't always been positive.

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Manitoba trees can now receive heritage status

The Province announced Thursday that Manitoba trees can now be given heritage status.

The Manitoba Forestry Association and Trees Winnipeg have partnered with the province to create the first such program in Canada, and has already designated three Manitoba trees as heritage trees.

Trees may be nominated as a heritage tree if they are historically or culturally significant, notable because of their unique location, have specific characteristics, have attracted other public or scientific recognition, or are the largest or oldest of their species in Manitoba. METRO

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Half Pints Brewing Co. president and brewmaster David Rudge, left, and Fort Garry Brewing Company general manager Orest Horechko have teamed up to make a lager. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Brewers collaborate on 'Manitoba' beer

LAGER

Now they need the public to craft a name

Shane Gibson
Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg's two craft breweries have joined forces to brew what they hope will be a quintessentially Manitoban beer, and now they need help deciding what to call it.

Brewmasters from Half Pints Brewing Co. and Fort Garry Brewing Ltd. have spent the last few weeks perfecting a recipe for the beer — they've decided to make a Vienna-style lager — and now they're holding a contest to name it.

"We're looking for something that screams Manitoba," said Half Pints president and brewmaster David Rudge, who tells Metro they hope to have the brew out sometime next month so they can show it off to beer drinkers from outside the province coming for the Grey Cup or to see family over the holidays. "We want people to be able taste the spin that Half Pints put on it but also the signature Fort Garry taste at the same time."

The beer — all 6,000 litres of it — was brewed this week and is now fermenting in a huge tank at Fort Garry's Kenaston Boulevard brewing facility.

When it's done, Fort Garry general manager Orest Horechko said it'll be sold in a special 12-bottle taster pack that'll include six of the soon-to-be-named collaboration beers and three original beers from both Half Pints and Fort Garry.

"It's just like taking the best of the best," said Horechko. "Dave's guys and (Fort Garry brewmaster Matt Wolff)'s guys are the best in Canada … and this'll show beer drinkers the kind of stuff that we can come out with in Manitoba."

Names for the beer can be submitted until early next week through Half Pints' twitter account (@HalfPintsBrewCo) and the brain behind the one they choose will get a shwag pack from each company that includes some fresh pops from both breweries.

CRIME

Police release multiple photos in series of robberies

Winnipeg police released numerous photos Thursday in the hopes of catching up to numerous suspects in several robberies.

On Aug. 30, police said two males were walking on Portage Avenue in the 300 block when they were robbed by four male suspects at about 4 a.m.

On Sept. 5, at about 7:30 p.m., a woman was on a transit bus on Graham Avenue near Fort Street when a man and a woman robbed her of her cell phone.

On Sept. 9, a man was walking on Donald Street when a group of males robbed him of his personal belongings at about 3:30 a.m.

Sept. 21, a man was walking on Balmoral Street when two males robbed him of his personal property at about 11:15 p.m. Anyone with information is asked to call 204-986-6649.

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Police are searching for these people wanted in connection to various robberies. HANDOUT/WPS

The Transportation Safety Board released this photo of the crash last month. HANDOUT/TSB

Plane crash blamed on wrong fuel

AIR SAFETY

Tanks were ruptured and had spilled gas in the area

The Transportation Safety Board says a plane that crashed in northern Manitoba last month, sending eight people to hospital, had the wrong fuel.

The Navajo Chieftain aircraft operated by Keystone Air had a malfunction shortly after takeoff on Sept. 15 and tried to return to the airport in Thompson, the board said Thursday.

The plane with two pilots and six passengers aboard crashed into some trees 1.8 kilometres short of a runway.

Much of the aircraft was destroyed, but the cabin section remained largely intact. There was no fire, even though the aircraft's fuel cells were ruptured and spilled gas around the crash site.

The transportation board said the twin-engine piston aircraft was mistakenly refilled with jet-engine turbine fuel in Thompson instead of the required aviation gas.

"If you put the wrong fuel in an aircraft engine — obviously in this case the engine won't run," board spokesman Chris Krepski said. "The incorrect fuel would obviously affect the ability of the engine to operate."

The day after the crash, Keystone Air president Cliff Arlt said the company had learned that the aircraft may have been filled with jet fuel, rather than Avgas, as would have been required for the Navajo.

Arlt was not immediately available for comment Thursday.

The safety board said its investigation continues and includes a review of aircraft fuelling procedures used by the airline and the airport.

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IN BRIEF

Masked man accused of stabbing at a party

A man is facing charges after police say he put on a skeleton mask and repeatedly stabbed another man at a drinking party in St. John's early Wednesday. Police say the suspect was at a home in the 200 block of College Avenue when he put on the mask around 5 a.m. and stabbed a 33-year-old man multiple times. They say the stabbing was the result of an ongoing dispute.

Partygoers intervened and the suspect fled before police arrived. The victim was rushed to hospital in critical condition where he later stabilized. Desmond Arnold Nazzie, 21, is charged with attempted murder and wearing a disguise with intent. METRO

WEST END

Woman, 79, fights off assailant

A Winnipeg senior says a thief chose the wrong person to rob.

Phyllis Jolly had just visited a bank to pick up money and was shopping in the West End Tuesday morning.

Around 11:20 a.m., the 79-year-old was crossing the street when she said a woman grabbed her purse, which had $250 cash inside.

But Jolly didn't let go, and says she fought as the woman tried to steal her purse, grabbing her hair.

Jolly says three men and one woman who drove by in a truck came to her aid and called police.

She said three police cars showed up and her attacker was arrested.

"As hard as I was holding onto my purse strap, I was holding on to her hair," she said.

"I'm from Nova Scotia, we don't mess around out there."

Jolly said she's a bit sore and suffered a small cut on her ear, but other than that she's okay. She said the incident won't intimidate her.

Her purse was ripped, but her daughter plans to take her shopping for a new one.

She hopes the incident sends a message to other would-be thieves.

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IN BRIEF

Two Manitobans win innovation award

Two Manitoba researchers have won $100,000 for developing a laser device to allow surgeons to better treat patients with brain lesions. The minimally invasive robotic laser that Dr. Mark Torchia and engineer Richard Tyc created is now used in more than 30 hospitals in Canada and the U.S.

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Nat Geo tour stops in city

EARTH EXPLORERS

Exhibit opens at Manitoba Museum Saturday

Shane Gibson
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An exhibit opening this weekend at the Manitoba Museum promises to give museum-goers a ticket to some of the wildest places on Earth without having to leave Winnipeg.

National Geographic Presents: Earth Explorers follows National Geographic's explorers as they head into remote and often dangerous parts of the world for the magazine.

"Earth Explorers gives insight into what drives us to explore and why we are determined to learn more about the planet we live on in order to preserve it for future generations," said Manitoba Museum executive director, Claudette Leclerc.

The interactive display runs in Winnipeg until April 24. HANDOUT/MANITOBA MUSEUM

"We want people to leave the exhibit feeling inspired and even brave enough to seek out the undiscovered and the unexplained."

The exhibit highlights our planet's eco-zones — the polar regions, oceans, rain forests, mountains and caves, and the African Savanna — and includes six interactive areas set up to let museum-goers get hands-on experience with the methods National Geographic's explorers and photographers use to capture their images.

"Earth Explorers allows the entire family to become explorers," said Planetarium and Science Gallery programs supervisor and Fellow with the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, Mike Jensen in the release.

"The exhibit offers a great chance to discover our planet's regions and understand more about the world, in an interactive environment, making it a fun learning experience for explorers of all ages."

National Geographic Presents: Earth Explorers opens Saturday and runs until April 24.

DETAILS

For more information on National Geographic Presents: Earth Explorers and the various education programs developed around the exhibit go to manitobamuseum.ca.

MEN'S CURLING

Safeway pulls out as sponsor

After 21 years, Safeway is pulling out as a sponsor of the Manitoba Men's Provincial Curling Championship.

"Safeway has been an incredible supporter of our sport for over half a century, and we're particularly grateful for their substantial support and leadership over the past two decades," said CurlManitoba president Sam Antila.

"Safeway's generous investment in our sport over the past two decades has helped grow the Manitoba men's championship into a premiere event, not just in Manitoba but on the national scene as well."

CurlManitoba said it will be announcing a new title sponsor on Oct. 7.

"We are exceptionally proud of the impact our Manitoba investments in this sport and look forward to finding new ways to continue to build on our valued partnership with the people and communities we've worked so closely with," said John Graham, director of public affairs and government relations for Safeway, in a statement. METRO

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READY TO ENGAGE

Metro's coast to coast daily election series connects young, urban Canadians to the issues they care about

No party has anything 'really bold and innovative'

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
in Toronto

Politics is fireworks to Rodney Diverlus — but this election is a dud.

That is why Diverlus, a hyper-passionate 25-year-old dancer and co-founder of Black Lives Matter Toronto, can both tear through an interview on the election, speaking in loud rapid-fire, and end up not voting for anyone.

In the midst of what he calls a supremely boring campaign, filled with parties and politicians who either don't speak to his issues, or don't represent his people — or do neither — Diverlus says he could conceivably hand Elections Canada a blank ballot.

"There's nothing bold, there's nothing exciting. None of the parties are offering anything really bold and innovative that are getting people to the polls that haven't been to the polls before," he tells me on the phone from Edmonton, where he's performing with Decidedly Jazz Danceworks.

At the core of Diverlus's politics is the policing of visible minorities, and in particular black Canadians.

"There's no national strategy to address police violence, and few accountability measures for the way police interact with black communities," he says. What is a national conversation in the U.S. remains siloed in individual Canadian communities, he argues.

He's concerned with Canada's penal system, too. Mandatory minimum sentences, he says, "put people in a box and say, 'You're not worthy of society.'" He imagines a system built more on restorative justice and reintegration, one that recognizes homelessness, poverty and desperation as root causes.

Diverlus, a recent university graduate, says his other key issue lies in his "30-plus-thousand dollars of debt" and how, if at all, the federal leaders plan to help him.

(After this interview was conducted, NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair announced a promise to gradually phase out interest on federal student loans.)

He knows the Greens are promising to relieve debt and end post-secondary tuition fees, but the party is "not even a close fourth."

He also doesn't relate to the Greens' "left-wing, white, hipster environmentalist" image. For that matter, he sees a "major lack of representation of racialized, indigenous and black folks" in all the major parties. (In 2011, visible minorities were only 9 per cent of elected MPs).

On the Conservatives: "Oh, gosh. Uhh..."

Aside from not aligning with "98 per cent" of his values, the party, he says, is running a campaign of "quick headlines, rapid points, fear mongering."

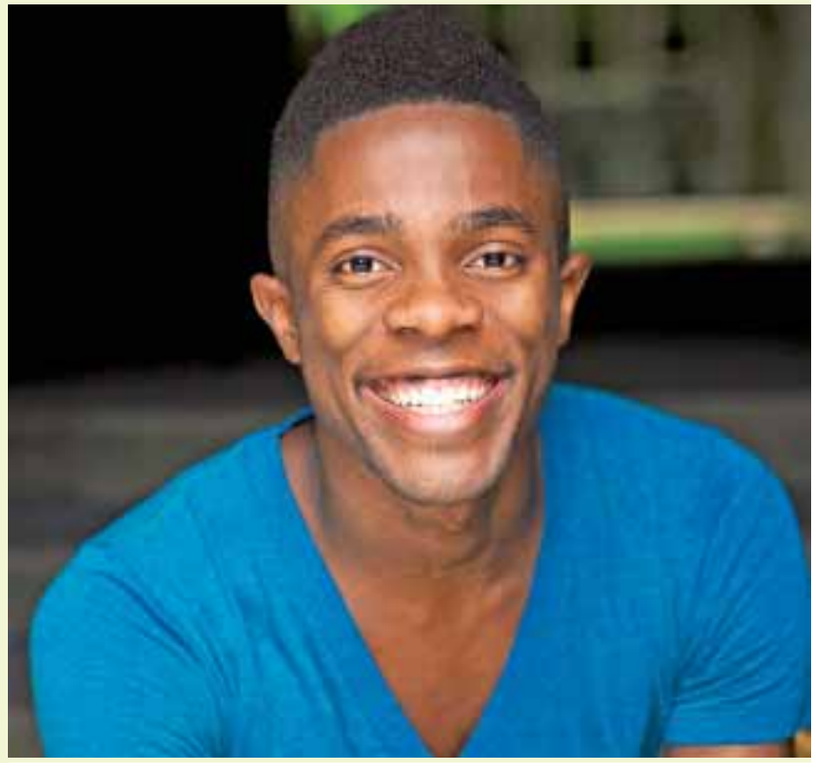
And he finds the Liberals hard to pin: "We're kind of left, kind of right, kind of supporting social services, kind of supporting corporations and military. We have our hands in community pockets, we have our hands in corporate pockets."

The NDP used to be a possible home for his vote, but he's seen the party move to the right, he says, and abandon its leftist base.

There's still time for politicians to speak to his issues, he notes. But he's not waking up wondering if today will be the day he dies in a terrorist attack. "I say, 'Will this be the day I have a negative interaction with the police? How will I pay down my student debt?'"

It might be a big election, but Diverlus sees far more hope in the day-to-day politics of community groups and local activism, the politics of "individual lives."

Rosemary Westwood is travelling across the country talking to young voters. She'll be in Toronto again tomorrow.



VOTER PROFILE

Name: Rodney Diverlus **Age:** 25 **Riding:** Spadina-Fort York
His issues: Justice-system reform, student-loan reform

Debate over minimum wage rages on campaign trail

INCOME

Getting paid enough to live is top issue for those in poverty

Shane Gibson
Metro | Winnipeg

For Dexter LaPlante the defining issue in this federal election is wages.

The 25-year-old recently left his 1-1/2-year-old son and girlfriend in Saskatoon for Winnipeg in the hopes of setting up a new life in the city for his young family.

But it's a struggle — he's going to school full-time to finish his Grade 12, lives in a one-room suite with his brother in Winnipeg's rough North End, and works a part-time job at night for a minimum wage that he says doesn't leave him with enough to live on.

"We've got to make sacrifices," said LaPlante, explaining when it comes to whether he can make rent, get to classes, or eat, the last priority is often food. "Just the other day I went to the food bank for food because I just moved in and we're starting from nothing."

LaPlante says he'll vote in the upcoming federal election and is interested in NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair's promise to raise to $15 the minimum wage for employees in federally regulated industries such as rail and air transportation, telecommunications, banks and uranium mining.

A hike to Manitoba's minimum wage Thursday brought LaPlante's hourly pay to $11.

Mulcair's pledge has come under fire because provinces would still control the minimum wage for jobs like LaPlante's, but Manitoba Federation of Labour president Kevin Rebeck calls it a good start.

"The federal change would impact about 100,000 people across Canada, but it also sets a benchmark for provinces," he said. "It would set the tone for provincial governments to say, 'Hey, shouldn't that apply in the provinces, too?"

> **What I'd rather have ... is them say, 'Here's a basic income and we guarantee it for all Canadians'.**
> David Northcott

Others, like David Northcott, who heads up Winnipeg Harvest — the food bank LaPlante has had to rely on to eat — argue a better plan would see a national living wage instituted.

"The living wage becomes the wage a family can live on and save on," said Northcott. "What I'd rather have from the federal government is them say, 'Here's a basic income and we guarantee it for all Canadians.'"

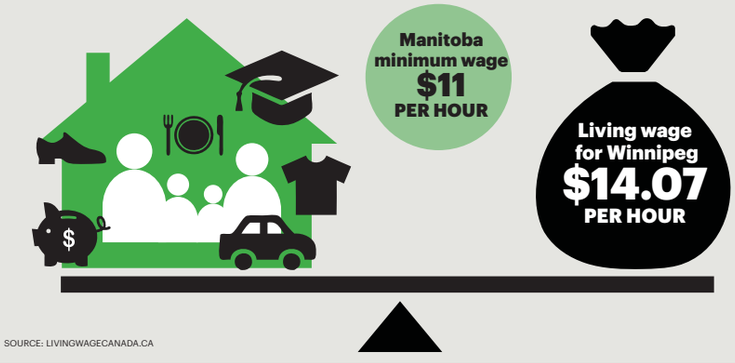
Whether it comes through a living wage or an increase to the minimum wage, LaPlante says he just needs more money to get by — and his vote will go to the party that sees that.

"These bills need to be paid, I need to eat, and I need money in my pocket."

BY THE NUMBERS

What it takes to get by in Winnipeg

Earning the legal minimum wage is one thing; living is something else. So says Living Wage Canada, a research organization that calculates what workers in various Canadian cities need to earn in order to supply a family of four with food, shelter, child care, clothing, transportation, emergency savings, medicine and education.



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Quebec heats up ahead of debate

ELECTION 2015

NDP numbers soften in polls, Grits and Tories look for gains

In Ascot Corner, Que., population 2,000, 50 farmers and a few tractors showed up this week to protest outside an all-candidates meeting.

Fifteen minutes away, in Sherbrooke, Calgary Conservative Jason Kenney came bearing his party's message on religious face-coverings as he campaigned with local candidates.

And in Quebec City, the National Assembly voted Thursday to condemn acts of hate and violence against Muslim citizens.

The federal campaign is hot in Quebec, with a few particularly provocative topics with the potential to shake up the vote. The final French-language debate Friday night, hosted by the TVA network, has become a high-stakes event for the leaders tussling over the province's 78 seats.

In recent weeks, the NDP's polling numbers in the province have softened, opening up the possibility of unexpected gains for their rivals.

For example, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau is hoping to win back seats his party formerly held in Montreal. He was in the city's suburbs Thursday, promoting more transit infrastructure to alleviate the city's gridlock

The emotional issue of religious accommodation and specifically the wearing of face coverings during citizenship ceremonies, has become one of the most contentious issues. There is wide support in the province for the Conservative and Bloc Quebecois position that women wearing the niqab be forced to remove it when swearing the oath.

> **If they feel Justin has the wind in his sails, some will go in his direction.**
> Christian Bourque, pollster

But the niqab issue also appears to have spurred more than just anti-Islamic rhetoric in the province. A pair of teens tore the headscarf from a pregnant woman in Montreal earlier in the week, causing her to fall on the ground.

On Thursday, the National Assembly passed a unanimous motion saying that "Muslim Quebecers are full citizens and this legislature condemns without reservations hate speech and violence against all citizens of Quebec."

NDP leader Tom Mulcair has criticized Harper and Duceppe for using the divisive issue to score political points, while acknowledging that many people feel strongly about it.

"The person who has the most to lose is Mr. Mulcair, because it's his support base which is the most divided on the niqab issue," said Louis Massicotte, a political science professor at Laval University.

"He counts on the support of Quebec nationalists and they're quite sensitive in general to questions of integration."

Despite the attention to the niqab, pollster Christian Bourque said many Quebecers watching the debate will be trying to decide whether Tom Mulcair or Justin Trudeau has the best chance of beating Conservative Leader Stephen Harper.

"If they feel Justin has the wind in his sails, some will go in his direction because he's got that potential to beat Mr. Harper," said Bourque, executive vice-president of Leger.

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WHERE THE LEADERS ARE FRIDAY

- **Stephen Harper**, **Justin Trudeau** and **Tom Mulcair** will all be in Montreal for tonight's French-language leaders' debate.

Elizabeth May's itinerary was unavailable.

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau addresses employees and supporters during a campaign stop at a forklift dealership in Montreal, Thursday. Trudeau is hoping to win back seats his party formerly held in the city. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ELECTION 2015

Poilievre suggests Tories too busy to attend Ottawa debate

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

Every Conservative candidate in the Ottawa area is too busy knocking on doors to attend the city's debate on municipal issues next week, Pierre Poilievre suggested Thursday.

Carleton, Ont., incumbent Poilievre was asked why the Tories aren't sending a candidate to the Oct. 5 debate in Ottawa. He replied they have done "dozens of debates" across the city.

"Of course, even with all these debates, our No. 1 priority is the literally tens of thousands of job interviews that we do on the doorstep," he told reporters at a news conference. "That's where our priority will be in the next several weeks leading up to the election."

Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson invited the parties to send one candidate each to the next week's debate, which will cover matters of importance to the city such as housing, transit and infrastructure funding.

Earlier this week, Watson called it "disappointing" that the Tories couldn't spare one local candidate for an hour to discuss municipal issues.

Poilievre said the candidates plan on attending more debates. However, he did not specify why they are skipping the city's.

COURT

Ghomeshi enters not-guilty plea

Disgraced former broadcaster Jian Ghomeshi pleaded not guilty Thursday to five charges, including four counts of sexual assault and one count of overcoming resistance by choking.

The former host of CBC Radio's cultural affairs show Q did not speak with reporters as he walked into the courthouse in downtown Toronto where he was arraigned during a court appearance.

Ghomeshi, wearing a dark suit and tie, spoke only two words in court, "not guilty," when asked how he pleaded. He had to repeat that because he wasn't speaking into a microphone. Judge William Horkins then cleared the public and media from the courtroom to deal with a motion.

Ghomeshi's trial begins Feb. 1, and will be by judge only.

The 48-year-old was originally charged with seven counts of sexual assault and one count of overcoming resistance by choking, but the Crown withdrew two sexual assault charges in May because they said there was no reasonable prospect of conviction.

A lawyer for actress Lucy Decoutere, one of the women involved in the case currently before the courts, said the allegations against Ghomeshi have triggered an important national conversation about intimate violence.

"While this case works its way through the justice system, countless assault survivors are privately reclaiming agency over their lives, telling their stories, and finally beginning to trust that people will believe them," said Gillian Hnatiw.

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AWARDS

Inuit leader Sheila Watt-Cloutier wins 'alternative Nobel'

Canadian Inuit leader Sheila Watt-Cloutier was selected Thursday as one of three winners of the 2015 Right Livelihood Awards — the so-called "alternative Nobels."

The organization cited Watts-Cloutier for her "lifelong work to protect the Inuit of the Arctic and defend their right to maintain their livelihoods and culture, which are acutely threatened by climate change."

She will share the equivalent of about $475,000 with Kasha Jacqueline Nabagesera of Uganda for her struggle for gay rights and sexual minorities, and Italian surgeon Gino Strada for providing medical assistance to victims of war.

Watt-Cloutier, who was born in Kuujjuaq in northern Quebec and was a nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007, is listed as a member of the board of directors with the group Canadians For a New Partnership.

Watt-Cloutier served as president of the Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) Canada from 1995 until 1998 and was the council's international chairwoman from 2002 until 2006. The ICC represents some 155,000 Inuit in Canada and other northern countries.

Watt-Cloutier's numerous awards and 13 honorary doctorates include being made an Officer in the Order of Canada in 2006.

She is also the author of a book published earlier this year entitled The Right to Be Cold: One Woman's Story of Protecting Her Culture, the Arctic and the Whole Planet.

The Right Livelihood Awards, announced in Stockholm, were founded in 1980 by Swedish-German philanthropist Jakob von Uexkull.

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PHILLIPPINES

Four killed by motorcycle bomb

A powerful bomb hidden in a parked motorcycle taxi exploded and hit the passing convoy of a vice mayor in the southern Philippines on Thursday, killing four people and wounding at least six others, the police and military said.

The blast happened about an hour after a bomb blew up on a crowded passenger bus some 300 kilometres to the west, injuring at least 18 people in the town of Polomolok, officials said.

No group claimed responsibility for either attack. Col. Rolando Joselito Bautista, the military commander in Basilan province, where the second blast occurred, said Abu Sayyaf militants were among the initial suspects in that attack because of their history of deadly bombings in the area, where the al-Qaida-linked group first surfaced in the 1990s.

The roadside bomb struck the two-vehicle convoy of Isabela city Vice Mayor Abdulbaki Ajibon, killing her driver and another passenger, and two pedestrians, said Bautista. Ajibon was uninjured, although her SUV was badly damaged.

The bomb was packed with shrapnel and shattered the glass of nearby buildings, he said. It occurred in front of the house of Mayor Cherrylyn Santos-Akbar, who was not home, he said. Three years ago, a roadside bomb exploded as Ajibon's convoy was passing in the same area that was hit by Thursday's bombing, although no one was killed or wounded in that past attack, police said.

> **The vice mayor was shocked, but she's safe. Two of her people died in this attack,**
> Isabela police chief Supt. Albert Larubis

Ajibon was reportedly aspiring for a higher office in next year's elections and investigators were also trying to determine if the attack had something to do with the often-violent political rivalries in the south.

The earlier bomb on the bus appeared to have been placed in the overhead baggage bin, officials said. The injured were rushed to nearby hospitals in General Santos city, in South Cotabato province. They included a nine-year-old girl with a serious head wound, according to emergency ward nurse Gina Loren.

Past bombings of passenger buses in the south have been blamed on Muslim insurgents and criminal gangs.

The Abu Sayyaf has been designated as a terrorist organization by the United Nations and the Philippines for deadly bombings, extortion, kidnappings for ransom and beheadings. It's one of at least four Muslim rebel groups outside of a peace deal the government signed with the largest insurgent group, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, last year in the hope of peacefully settling a decades-old separatist rebellion by minority Muslims in the south of the largely Catholic nation.

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CHINA

Another explosion amid lethal mail bomb campaign

An explosion damaged a six-storey building Thursday in southern China, less than a day after more than a dozen blasts triggered by explosive devices delivered in mail packages killed at least seven people and injured over 50 in the same county in southern China, officials and state media said.

The latest blast hit a civilian's house near a highway administration bureau in Liucheng in Guangxi region, which borders Vietnam, but it was not immediately known if there were any casualties, according to the official Xinhua News Agency.

The Ministry of Public Security said it was treating the blasts on Wednesday as a criminal act, and not terrorism. It said a 33-year-old local man, identified only by his family name of Wei, was considered a suspect, but provided no further details, including a possible motive or whether the man had been detained. Local media reported that the suspect had been apprehended.

Xinhua said that the suspect had hired others to help deliver the bombs.

A local Communist Party newspaper, the Guangxi Daily, cited police as saying there were 17 explosions Wednesday afternoon in Liucheng, leaving seven people dead, two missing and 51 injured.

Zhou Changqing, the police chief for the city of Liuzhou, which has jurisdiction over Liucheng, said the blasts were triggered by explosive devices delivered in several mail packages, state broadcaster CCTV reported.

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Russia-backed separatists refuel tanks in a field near Torez last month.
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Ukraine withdraws smaller ordnance

CEASEFIRE

Large-calibre artillery pulled out in February

Ukrainian government forces will pull out small-calibre weapons from the war-torn east in two days' time if the ceasefire holds, the defence minister said Thursday.

A military conflict between government forces and Russia-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine erupted in April 2014, leaving more than 8,000 people dead and two million displaced.

Russia, Ukraine and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe on Tuesday agreed on the withdrawal of tanks and other weapons from the front line, with rebel leaders in Donetsk and Luhansk signing on to the agreement on Wednesday.

The deal reached Tuesday in Minsk, Belarus, by the so-called Contact Group calls for tanks, artillery and mortars up to 120 mm to be pulled back at least 15 kilometres (9 miles) from the front line. The withdrawal is expected to take 39 days.

Ukrainian Defence Minister Stepan Poltorak said on Thursday that Kyiv will pull out all small-calibre weapons on Saturday if the ongoing ceasefire holds. A February deal calling for a pullback of large-calibre artillery has been largely observed.

"We are working to prepare the withdrawal," Poltorak said. "Ukraine insists that we are complying with all provisions of the Minsk accords."

> **Ukraine insists that we are complying with all provisions of the Minsk accords.**
> Nation's Defence Minister, Stepan Poltorak

The leaders of Russia, Ukraine, France and Germany, who negotiated the February agreement, are meeting in Paris on Friday to try to push forward a political settlement for eastern Ukraine.

Ukraine has recently adopted a bill devolving powers to the regions, which attracted the ire of nationalists who thought it was a concession for the separatists. Rebels in their turn were unhappy with the proposed reform, saying that it did not envisage autonomy for them. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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‘It’s been a terrible day’: Sheriff

ROSEBURG, OREGON

Several dead in mass shooting at community college

A gunman opened fire at a community college in Roseburg, Oregon Thursday, killing at least nine people before dying in a shootout with police, authorities said.

Multiple media reports name the killer as Chris Harper-Mercer, 26. Authorities shed no light on the gunman’s motive and said they were investigating.

Douglas County Sheriff John Hanlin said 10 people were dead — including the gunman — and seven wounded after the attack at Umpqua Community College in the small timber town of Roseburg, about 180 miles south of Portland.

Earlier, Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum said 13 people were killed. It was unclear what led to the discrepancy.

Authorities respond to a report of a shooting at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Ore., on Thursday. MICHAEL SULLIVAN/THE NEWS-REVIEW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

“It’s been a terrible day,” a grim-faced Hanlin said. “Certainly this is a huge shock to our community.”

Hours after the attack, a visibly angry President Barack Obama spoke to reporters at the White House, saying the U.S. is becoming numb to mass shootings and that the shooters have “sickness” in their minds.

Repeating his support for tighter gun-control measures, the president said thoughts and prayers are no longer enough in such situations because they do nothing to stop similar attacks from happening a few weeks or months later.

He challenged voters wanting to confront the problem to vote for elected officials who will act.

Some students were in tears as they left. Police lined up students in a parking lot with their hands over their heads and searched them before they were bused with faculty to the nearby county fairgrounds, where counsellors were available and some parents waited for their children.

Interim college President Rita Cavin said it was awful to watch families waiting for the last bus of survivors and their loved ones were not on it.

“This is a tragedy,” she said. “We have a wonderful, warm, loving and friendly campus.”

The sheriff’s office reported on Twitter that it received a call about the shooting at 10:38 a.m..

Former UCC President Joe Olson, who retired in June, said the school had no formal security staff, just one officer on a shift.

“I suspect this is going to start a discussion across the country about how community colleges prepare themselves for events like this,” he said.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Shooter may have warned of plans on 4chan

The Umpqua College appears to have left a warning about the crime on 4chan, a popular online forum that allows users to post anonymously.

The original post is no longer available — 4chan does not archive conversations — but screenshots of the thread began circulating after news broke of the shooting Thursday afternoon.

“Some of you guys are alright. Don’t go to school tomorrow if you’re in the northwest,” the anonymous poster says in a thread that appears to be dated early Thursday morning. Some 4chan users egged the person on, encouraging them to post updates. 4chan has often been the source of online pranks and hoaxes, and the nature of the site makes it difficult to verify the exchange is real.

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REACTION

Clinton calls for ‘sensible’ gun laws

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton says of the deadly shooting in Roseburg, Oregon, that it’s beyond her comprehension that “we are seeing these mass murders happen again and again and again.”

Thursday’s shooting at Umpqua Community College left 13 dead and 20 injured.

Clinton said after a Dorchester, Mass., campaign event that the nation needs to “get the political will to do everything we can to keep people safe.”

She says there’s a way to have sensible gun control measures that keep firearms out of the wrong hands and save lives. The former secretary of state says she’s committed to doing everything she can to achieve that.

Meanwhile, the Justice Department says U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch is receiving regular briefings from the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which have agents at the scene.

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UMPQUA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Killer asked people’s religion, student says

A student at the Oregon community college where a mass shooting occurred says the gunman shot her teacher and asked others in her classroom about their religion before spraying more bullets.

Eighteen-year-old Kortney Moore of Rogue River tells the Roseburg News-Review newspaper that she was in a writing class at Umpqua (UHMP’-kwah) Community College in Roseburg on Thursday when a shot came through a window.

The gunman entered her classroom and told people to get on the ground.

Hannah Miles, centre, is reunited with family after a shooting in Oregon on Thursday. RYAN KANG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Moore says the man started asking people to stand up and state their religion and then opened fire.

Lorie Andrews, 57, who lives across the street from the campus, told The Oregonian newspaper that roughly 20 ambulances and 75 police cars, including police in their private vehicles, had converged on the area within an hour of the shooting.

“Everybody is in shock,” Andrews told The Oregonian. “Very, very shocked.”

English Prof. Jillianne Michell was in Snyder hall, the epicenter of the shooting, when it started.

“I heard the shots,” she told The Oregonian. “It was a lot.”

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Hold sought on executions

OKLAHOMA

Competence in question after wrong drug gets delivered

Oklahoma's attorney general on Thursday asked a court to delay all scheduled executions while the state reviews how it received the wrong drug as it prepared to lethally inject an inmate.

Attorney General Scott Pruitt said Oklahoma needed time to sort out why its Department of Corrections received a shipment of potassium acetate rather than potassium chloride for Richard Glossip's execution that was to occur Wednesday.

State officials said they became aware of the mix-up Wednesday. State protocols adopted following the flawed execution of Clayton Lockett last year directed that the warden of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary "verifies execution inventory" two days prior to an execution.

"Certainly it raises a lot of the same questions raised by the Lockett execution, which is whether this department is competent to carry out its own procedures," said Jen Moreno, a staff attorney with the Death Penalty Clinic at the University of California's Berkeley Law School. "Minutes before the execution is supposed to start, that's when they realize they don't have the right drugs?"

Nancy Ogden and her grandson, Kevin Glossip, embrace outside Oklahoma State Penitentiary on Wednesday, the day their relative Richard Glossip had been scheduled to die. KEVIN HARVISON/THE MCALESTER NEWS-CAPITAL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **I don't think we should be pointing fingers right now.**
> Gov. Mary Fallin

The attorney general's move came hours after Gov. Mary Fallin said she was confident the state could resolve its problems in time for an execution set for next week.

Pruitt asked for an indefinite stay. Glossip is now scheduled to die Nov. 6.

Glossip, 52, was convicted of arranging for a handyman to kill their boss, motel owner Barry Van Treese, in 1997. Fallin granted a stay of execution about an hour after the U.S. Supreme Court had cleared the way for the punishment to move forward by rejecting Glossip's claim that the handyman had set him up.

"She's extremely frustrated that the state was unable to deliver closure to the Van Treese family," Fallin spokesman Alex Weintz said Thursday. "The family has certainly waited long enough for justice and has been through the wringer with this entire process."

After Lockett writhed on a gurney and struggled against his restraints during his execution on April 29, 2014, prison officials concluded that an intravenous line at Lockett's groin wasn't properly set and he didn't receive a full dose of deadly chemicals. It rewrote its guidelines and assured federal courts from Oklahoma City to Washington that its procedures were sound. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Plane crash in Afghanistan kills U.S. service members

A U.S. defence official says 12 people, including five U.S. service members, are dead after the crash of a military C-130 transport plane in Afghanistan.

The official says the plane crashed at Jalalabad Airport in eastern Afghanistan at about midnight local time. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More than 100 protected scorpions seized at airport

Customs agents at Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport have seized 115 live scorpions hidden in two shipments from Cameroon to the U.S., perhaps destined for sale on the Internet.

Customs officers showed off the large, black scorpions of the Pandinus dictator variety — a protected species — on Thursday.

Both shipments were declared as samples for medical research. However, the recipient was identified as an individual who sells "new animal companions" on the Internet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OREGON

Bakery refuses to pay lesbians

The owners of a Portland-area bakery are refusing to pay $135,000 in state-ordered damages to a same-sex couple who were denied service.

Melissa and Aaron Klein, owners of Sweet Cakes by Melissa, cited religious beliefs when they refused to bake a wedding cake for Laurel and Rachel Bowman-Cryer over two years ago.

Labour commissioner Brad Avakian awarded the damages in July, saying the owners had violated the women's civil rights by discriminating on the basis of their sexual orientation.

The Kleins have filed an appeal of the ruling and are defying the order to pay. They're claiming financial hardship, though crowdfunding efforts have brought in over $500,000 on their behalf, The Oregonian reported.

"They are entitled to a full and fair review of the case but do not have the right to disregard a legally binding order," labour bureau spokesman Charlie Burr told The Oregonian in an email Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SKYDIVING

Elite jumpers start breaking records

More than 200 aerial daredevils plunged into the record books this week, linking up in a giant lattice-like configuration 2,130 metres above Southern California to shatter a world record for the largest sequential skydiving formation.

The group of 202 leaped Tuesday afternoon at Skydive Perris, 130 kilometres southeast of Los Angeles, the Riverside Press-Enterprise reported.

The jump centre's manager, Dan Brodsky-Chenfeld, said Wednesday that more records could fall in the days ahead. The same elite group of jumpers is poised to take to the air again this week in an effort to form three separate formations, he said.

The Federation Aeronautique Internationale, which keeps track of skydiving and other aviation-related records, had a judge on site to verify that Tuesday's leap set a record. It shattered the old mark of 122. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The group included pros from the U.S., Russia, Brazil, Italy, France and Germany. CRAIG O'BRIEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

Canada trying to seal deal

The Canadian government is eager enough to complete a historic trade agreement this week that the country's lead minister has no idea when he'll be back home campaigning in the federal election.

In his first full day at the meetings that could ultimately clinch the 12-country Trans-Pacific Partnership, Ed Fast said he's willing to stay as long as it takes. He said he doesn't yet have a return plane ticket to British Columbia because, he says, completing the deal is critical to Canada's economy.

"What I can say is that Canada is prepared to negotiate, to stay here until we have a deal," the international trade minister said Wednesday.

"We believe we are on track to do so."

He insisted that he's also willing to walk away if necessary: "I can't prejudge whether there will be a deal this weekend … We are only going to sign a deal that is in our national interest."

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LG doubles down

SMARTPHONES

Firm hopes dual display, wider selfies will halt slide

South Korean smartphone maker LG Electronics Inc. unveiled a new smartphone Thursday with an additional screen and a camera that can capture a wider scene when taking a selfie, hoping to arrest a slide in its market share.

The V10 comes with another screen above the main 5.7-inch display.

The small second screen can stay on to display weather, time and date when the main display is turned off. It has room for frequently used apps and can receive notifications while using the main screen to watch a video.

The V10 smartphone is LG's latest attempt to make headway in the premium mobile phone market. Its flagship G series phones were edged out by new phones from Samsung and Apple.

A visitor tries LG Electronics Inc.'s new V10 phone during its unveiling ceremony in Seoul, South Korea, Thursday. LEE JIN-MAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The company has lost its market share in the smartphone market in recent months, falling to the seventh place globally as Chinese vendors surpassed its shipments.

The new phone's front camera is equipped with a standard 80-degree lens and a 120-degree wide-angle lens option. That means a larger group can fit into a selfie shot taken with the V10.

"The ability to take group selfies without a selfie-stick has never been easier," LG said in a statement.

The V10 phone will go on sale in South Korea later this month for 800,000 won ($678 US) without a contract from a carrier, followed by the U.S. launch next month.

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LAWSUIT

Vitaminwater forced to add 'with sweeteners'

Coca-Cola will tweak the labelling for Vitaminwater to settle a lawsuit that it was making misleading health claims about the drinks.

The Atlanta company will add the words "with sweeteners" in two places on the bottles, including by the name of the drink. The Center for Science in the Public Interest, a health advocacy group in the U.S. that filed the suit with private law firms on behalf of consumers in 2009, had noted that the drinks have 33 grams of sugar and negligible amounts of juice, despite coming in flavours such as kiwi-strawberry and acai blueberry pomegranate. The proposed settlement would also prohibit Coca-Cola from using certain statements it has used in the past, such as one that said the drink is formulated to provide nutrients that could reduce the risk of eye disease.

Under the agreement, Coca-Cola would have to start making the label changes within three months and complete them in two years.

The settlement doesn't include any monetary damages for consumers, but Coca-Cola Co. will pay up to $2.7 million US to cover attorneys' fees and expenses for the plaintiffs.

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IN BRIEF

Call of Duty under fire for fake terror attack tweets

A series of promotional tweets for the Call of Duty video game came under some criticism because they described a terrorist attack with no immediate disclaimers stating they were fictional. The War of the Worlds-style tweets were designed to look like those of a news organization. Screen captures showed the Call of Duty Twitter feed's user name, profile image and background photo had been changed to look like those of a news organization, but the @callofduty Twitter handle remained unchanged. The first tweet announced unconfirmed reports of an explosion at the Singapore Marina. Some Twitter followers appeared confused initially. Then replies grew critical, calling the tweets "utterly distasteful" and "irresponsible." Call of Duty: Black Ops III takes place in a fictional city overrun by zombies.

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Feeling frustrated: Apple has given a makeover to its dreaded "Wheel of Death" icon, which pleads users for patience — though it's not clear if the cleaner lines have a calming effect.

PRO CON

Where are you really from?

It's an awkward question people get pretty often if others have trouble placing their ethnicity. But is it offensive, or even racist?

YES: I'm just as Canadian as any white person

Christine Estima
For Metro

The bane of my existence has been this dialogue:

"Where are you from?"

"Montreal."

"No, where are you *really* from?"

Why does this chip away at my sense of self and national identity?

When someone asks, "But where are you really from?" what they're really saying is, "You're not white, and you don't adhere to my stringent idea of what constitutes a Canadian. So why are you here?"

It's a subtle form of racism that hides behind the banner of, "Oh, I'm just curious." You're not curious. You just refuse to accept minorities are part of Canada's mosaic.

It's a subtle form of racism that hides behind, 'Oh, I'm just curious.'

Canada's history is so steeped in multiculturalism and diversity, yet it's amazing how the image of what a Canadian looks like doesn't include me. I have been told time and time again that I'm not a real Canadian, and alternately that I have abandoned the culture people think I *should* belong to.

One woman — a complete stranger, I might add — came up to me on the street and said, "You look like you're from a race that hasn't been invented yet." Good one!

I'm of mixed heritage, half Portuguese and half Lebanese, with one great-grandfather who came from Syria. I was born and raised in Montreal, I speak English and French, I grew up ice skating and I know all the lyrics to The Log Driver's Waltz.

The only culture I've ever known is Canadian, but because I have thick eyebrows, olive skin and other Mediterranean features, my qualifications, personality and intelligence are never as important as my "fiery Latina" look.

Eye roll.

I get it; you can't place my ethno-cultural heritage. But when you ask me where I'm from, you need to accept the answer I give you.

Because I'm from Montreal.

If the only way you can interact with someone is by categorizing their ethnicity first, you are reducing complex human beings to the sum of their parts. And I refuse to buy into your binary rhetoric.

If you can't figure out my ethnicity, here's what you should do:

1) Don't worry about it and go about your day.

So when someone asks me, "But where are you *really* from?" I reply, "I'm just as Canadian as any white person."

It brings their implied racism to the fore. Most importantly, it messes with their heads for my viewing pleasure.

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NO: We're more sensitive now, but not more thoughtful

Deena Douara Karim
Metro | Toronto

People, you're allowed to say "black." I have it on good word.

Once, when I asked a colleague to identify a woman I was looking for, his response included "red jacket," and "shortish hair." Not having noted the colour of jackets that day, I asked, "Is she black?"

We've become quite sensitive but not more thoughtful. It's our prejudices — not our vision — that need to be tempered. (And yes, I would have mentioned whiteness if it was a useful descriptor in that situation.)

The most progressive amongst us have a knee-jerk reaction to all references to race and ethnicity. Basically, you don't refer to either unless it's followed by an injustice.

Maybe that's one reason we've deemed offensive the once-innocuous, "Where are you from?"

Sure, the question is clumsy and imprecise. But do we really think it's about immigration status?

Sure, the question is clumsy and imprecise, but do we genuinely think people are asking about our immigration status?

I too am asked where I'm from, but I'm not offended if someone recognizes that I may also live in a culture that coexists with our shared one. Why conclude they think I'm "less Canadian" than Stephen Harper's "old-stock" variety? I can't help but think there's defensiveness in such a response. I'm not Canadian minus Egyptian. I'm Canadian plus Egyptian.

In my case, my origin adds layers of language, tradition and religion to my identity. And as a poor small-talker, layers of conversation as well.

I understand the concerns. Why should it matter? Why single out "ethnic-looking" minorities?

No, ethnicity shouldn't matter to an employer, police officer or judge. But it matters. My parents left the comfort of their family, language and community for an unknown land. That shaped me.

While nothing is universal, if there were no common experiences then "Signs you were raised by (insert ethnicity) parents" videos and lists wouldn't make us laugh.

I'm certain there are minorities who've lived no culture other than Canadian culture; but I know many more who visit "back home"; take pride in passed-down recipes and bond over shared childhood embarrassments. There are a range of reasons people ask about my background, and reasons I'm curious about yours. Maybe I've travelled to your country of heritage and would like to share my experience, or I'd like to visit one day and would welcome your insights. Perhaps you have questions about Egypt and (correctly) assume I've paid more attention. Maybe next time you hear about terrorist Arabs you'll remember, because you asked, that there's at least one peace-loving Arab in your life.

We shouldn't have to pretend not to see skin colour, hear accents or recognize features. No, we're not all the same — but why is that the goal?

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The Tories have more Muslim supporters than you might expect

Steven Zhou
For Metro

Popular convention has it that Canadian Muslims and Stephen Harper's Conservative Party just don't get along.

Conservatives refer to the Muslim community as a hotbed of extremist violence and cultural backwardness in order to justify their security and immigration legislation. There's significant backlash among Muslims, many of whom don't want to be made to feel like they're not part of Canada.

So there's a lot of truth to the assertion that Muslims don't like Stephen Harper, but there's actually more to the picture than meets the eye.

A recent surge in anti-Harper organizing by Muslims inside Ontario makes it appear anti-Tory sentiment now fuels all Muslims politically. Moreover that it's what will drive Muslims to the polls on Oct. 19, where most will vote against Harper. This may be accurate enough, but it ignores the ultraconservative streak within the Muslim community. The truth is, a sizeable portion of Canadian Muslims vote Conservative.

Muslims who are organizing their communities against Harper have been politicized a certain way. Those who have been paying attention to the current administration know Muslims have been caricatured as this country's bogeymen. And they're likely to seek alternatives. But they don't account for all Canadian Muslims.

Plenty of Muslims just don't care. Their apathy is reflected in part by the community's low voter turnout. It means a good portion of Canadian Muslims aren't politicized much, let alone in a way that aligns them with a progressive agenda. An Ipsos Reid exit poll showed the Liberals got the most support from Muslims in 2011, but also that 12 per cent of voting Muslims went Tory. This isn't a huge number, but not a negligible one either.

Muslims who haven't been shown the effects of the so-called "Harper decade" on the Muslim community are more likely to use social issues as a guide when approaching politics. Many Muslims tend to boil their religious identity down to being pro-life, anti-gay marriage, or some other mishmash of reactionary stances. Their political outlook isn't influenced by much else.

These are the Muslims who look at Harper and see a family man who mows his lawn and doesn't like to overspend. (They're not familiar with the Tories' consecutive national deficits). In other words, they think, "He's socially conservative and fiscally conservative, just like me."

Instead of mocking what they see as the Muslim Tories' apparent lack of political awareness, Muslims who want to replace Harper should recognize the size of their opposition within their very own community.

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Members of cast met representatives from NASA and the European Space Agency in preparation for shooting The Martian. TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

Fantasy of space now a reality

SPACE DRAMA

Scott says The Martian was 'a much more realistic movie'

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Director Ridley Scott says his new film, The Martian, is much more realistic than his other, classic space dramas.

"The fantasy of space," he said, "which is now also a reality, is a marvellous platform and a form of theatre. Honestly, almost anything goes. But, if anything goes whether you do a play, a book or a film, you've got to actually make your own rule book and stick within the confines of the rules you make. So, if I'm doing space fantasy like Alien or Prometheus, I've got to draw up the sidelines of the rule book and stick within them. It's still a fantasy because it's never going to happen. (The Martian) is a lot easier because, actually, you can lean very heavily on the science in the book. This was a much more realistic movie."

That realism stems from source novel by Andy Weir, a self-professed science geek who worked to ensure that the story of Mark Watney, an astronaut who survives after being left for dead on Mars, felt genuine.

"The basic structure of the Mars program in the book is very similar to a plan called Mars Direct, though I made changes here and there," he said, in a Q & A on the Penguin Random House website. "It's the most likely way that we will have our first Mars mission in real life. All the facts about Mars are accurate, as well as the physics of space travel the story presents. I even calculated the various orbital paths involved in the story, which required me to write my own software to track constant-thrust trajectories."

As research the actors met with representatives from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the European Space Agency.

"I got to go to the JPL in Pasadena and meet with all the robotics guys and see the Curiosity Rover and do virtual reality to be on Mars and see what that would be like," said Jessica Chastain, who plays the commander of the Mars mission. "Then I went to Houston and met with Tracy Caldwell Dyson, who's an astronaut and talked to her."

The cast says filming the zero gravity and space walk scenes involved careful planning and wirework to make them look authentic. "It's choreographed to within an inch of its life and we're just along for the ride," said Chastain. "It feels very much like a dance and there is choreography to it," adds Kate Mara, "but, once you do it, you really do feel like a little kid."

The former House of Cards star says Scott was enthusiastic about shooting those scenes. "Maybe he was just faking it really well (but he) seemed just as excited as we did when were doing the scenes floating through the air."

Matt Damon, who demonstrated another technique to achieve the look of weightlessness on screen at The Martian TIFF press conference — standing on one leg while slowly waving his hands through the air — said that,"one of the things that is fun about making movies and (also) totally, totally ridiculous is that we are grownups doing this."

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

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National Lampoon's long legacy

DOCUMENTARY

Film looks at pivotal time in comedy history

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

There are few things in the comedy world that have been more influential than National Lampoon.

As highlighted in the new documentary Drunk Stoned Brilliant Dead: The Story of the National Lampoon, the raunchy satirical magazine not only launched the careers of the likes of Bill Murray, John Belushi and a series of hit comedies like Vacation and Animal House, it inspired today's top comic minds including Judd Apatow and Al Jean — longtime writer/producer of The Simpsons.

We caught up with Jean recently to discuss the legacy of filth left behind by National Lampoon.

As a fan, is there an article or sketch that's stayed with you all these years?

Oh, a bunch of them.

I love the Vietnamese Baby Book. We had baby books but this was for a kid in Vietnam and it had baby's first Band-Aid, baby's first flesh wound — done in a cutesy baby-book style.

Also, the cover (which read) 'If you don't buy this magazine, we'll shoot this dog' may be the best magazine cover ever and the dog looks so funny, it kills me every time.

Have you ever stolen any ideas from your Lampoon days and used it on The Simpsons?

No, the only reason being the magazine was pretty much reaching for a vulgar tone that The Simpsons wouldn't be doing. Before (co-writer Mike Reiss and I) quit, we were asked to write a parody of Raiders of the Lost Ark where instead of a big boulder, it was a big boob and Mike and I were so happy that we didn't have to finish it.

After the magazine folded in 1998, National Lampoon as a brand lost even more prestige because of its association with a string of lowbrow straight-to-video college movies that borrowed its name.

There's no humour or sensibility to them. This documentary is the best film with the National Lampoon name on it in 20 years!

So what should the average person take away from watching this documentary?

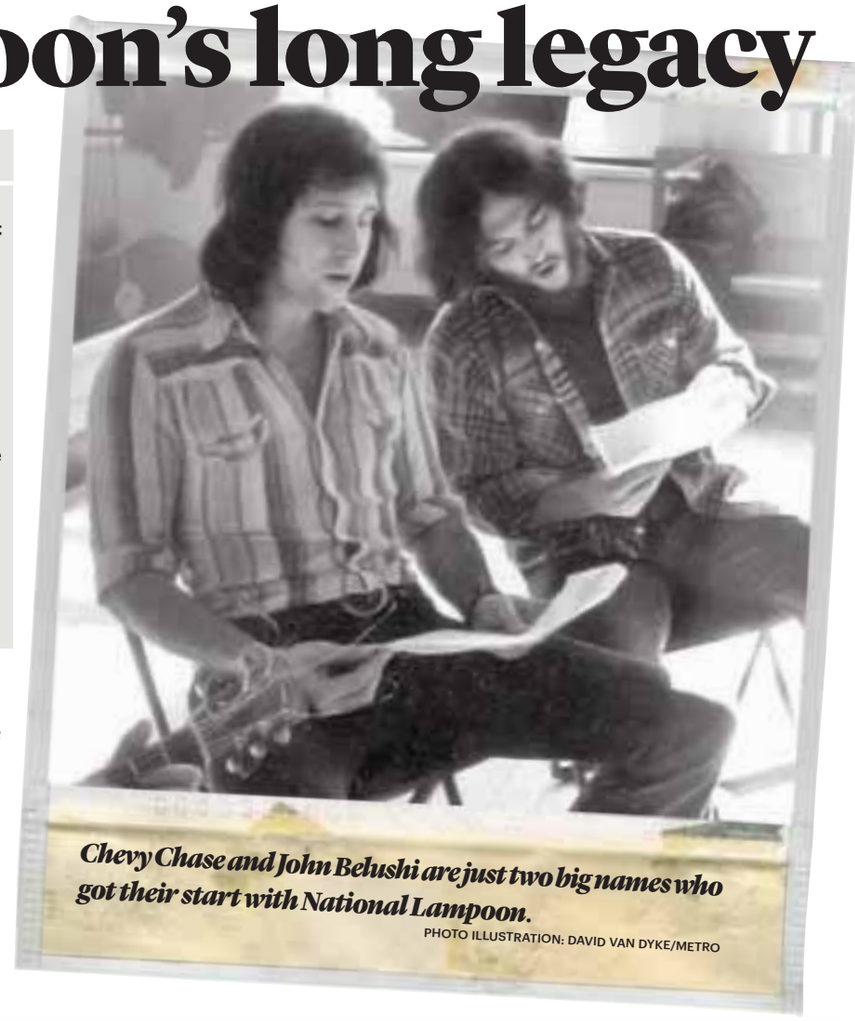
A lot of people may not be aware that before Saturday Night Live and The Simpsons, there was this institution that was enormous in its influence that really gave birth to the (comedy) that you're most familiar with over the last 30 years.

Drunk Stoned Brilliant Dead opens in Toronto on Friday or can be viewed on VOD.

STAR POWER

Lampoon's far-reaching influence on entertainment

- Singer Meat Loaf once toured with the National Lampoon Road Show before he hit it big with his 1977 album Bat Out of Hell
- Legendary 1980s filmmaker John Hughes (The Breakfast Club) was one of the raunchiest writers in the magazine's history
- In 1975, National Lampoon talents John Belushi, Gilda Radner and Chevy Chase all left the magazine to star on upstart Saturday Night Live.



Chevy Chase and John Belushi are just two big names who got their start with National Lampoon.

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THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

PBS's Indian Summers contrasts the locals' political unrest with colonial rule and the British elite. It's romance meets revolution.

Although the PBS Masterpiece series Indian Summers only premiered on this side of the Atlantic on Sunday night, it feels like people have been talking about it for weeks. OK, a few people: namely two friends who've had sneak peaks of the British period drama and are obsessed with it.

"Imagine Downton Abbey," they say, "only it's set in India."

Or, as the New York Times put it, imagine two shows about "good-looking British people misbehaving in beautiful surroundings."

In place of the upstairs-downstairs dynamic of Downton's Yorkshire country estate, Indian Summers, set in 1932 — 15 years before independence — contrasts the cultural divide between the locals' political unrest with colonial rule and the British elite who retreat every summer to palatial homes atop tea plantations in the cooler Himalayan foothills. Think: bright, bold saris, cream linen suits, pastel silk dresses, and breezy lace lazily cooling glistening brows amidst the romance, the revolution — and the gossip.

I watched Sunday night and devoured the eye candy but the cast of characters aren't as irresistible as Downton's.

That doesn't mean I won't stay with the series, not only because I have faith in PBS, but also because you have to give a show time to grow on you.

Sort of like a restaurant. Take Café Boulud. When it first opened in October 2012 in Toronto's Four Seasons hotel, the food reviews were excellent, which is not surprising, considering Daniel Boulud is one of the most celebrated chefs working today. But few held back when it came to taking jabs at the decor. "It would not be out of place in a Rust Belt airport hotel and conference centre, circa 1997," wrote one restaurant critic.

Two years later, they did something about it. Now, Café Boulud 2.0 is an eye-popping space with a warm palate of rich greens and oranges.

This is no Disney-like interpretation of a Paris bistro: it's original, yet familiar. Same goes for the new, edited menu, which I sampled far too much of on Monday night. We started with cod croquettes and a Lyonnaise frisée salad with — and this is extremely important — crispy lardons. Duck, Périgord style, followed.

Then came a Boulud signature dish of white sausage, apples and mashed potatoes.

We were too full to move, so we ordered profiteroles, served under a dome of dark chocolate that dissipated once a molten lava of more chocolate was poured on top, and pineapple made golden via the in-house rotisserie that churns out whole chickens, not to mention a variety of meats, fish and vegetables.

Beyond the food and room, there is the clientele — a mix of international travellers, local hoi polloi and upstart "kids" like us — providing spectacle. As we finished our desert, we spied at a neighbouring table an upstairs-downstairs moment worthy of Downton itself.

A mature man with a much younger woman sent back his nearly finished diet Coke because the glass smelled "musty."

The server, who had anticipated our every need with nimbleness said the only scent he detected was aspartame.

All the same, he hurried over a fresh serving.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

THE MEAL:
Périgord-style duck

THE SHOW:
Indian Summers

Seeing the light in the dark

Director Denis Villeneuve, above, called on cinematographer Roger Deakins — known for his stunning work with shadows — to set the scene in Sicario. CONTRIBUTED

SICARIO

Denis Villeneuve calls on master cinematographer for latest film

"The Prince of Darkness" was the nickname of cinematographer legend Gordon Willis, but Roger Deakins, too, has shown a kingly command of shadows.

Recall the sleek Shanghai skyscraper scene of Skyfall, the desperate moonlit horse ride of True Grit, or the early dawn dog chase of No Country for Old Men. In Denis Villeneuve's drug war thriller Sicario, Deakins adds to his nighttime reel with a memorable border tunnel pursuit, seen through night vision and infrared perspectives.

Sicario, which opens across the country today, could be the film that finally rights one of cinema's greatest wrongs, and lands the 66-year-old British cinematographer his first Oscar. Deakins has been nominated 12 times and is generally acknowledged as one of the movies' greatest visual minds.

The regular director of photography for the Coen brothers, Deakins is less likely to speak of an impressive shot than about how the photography is always in the service of character, script and circumstances. Sicario, his second film with the Québécois director Villeneuve following Prisoners, has its grim darkness, but much of it — like a shootout in bumper-to-bumper traffic — takes place under the harsh desert light of the Mexican border.

He and Villeneuve recently spoke about making Sicario, for which Deakins drew inspiration from the French filmmaker Jean-Pierre Melville.

What makes the two of you fit well together?

Villeneuve: It's strange. It's like two totally different animals that can communicate together. We are from totally different backgrounds. ... just shot with Bradford Young. ... As much as I loved working with Bradford, I realized how much I learned working with Roger. I was saying to myself, 'It's the only movie I've made with two cinematographers.' Because I always had you in my mind saying, 'Don't put the camera there. Don't do that. Move faster.'

Deakins: Nag, nag, nag.

V: People are always asking what is your biggest influence from other filmmakers? It's always Roger for me. Honestly, it's a massive privilege for me. I'm missing you a lot, sir.

D: I'm missing you, too. We did hit it off straight away, didn't we? The first time we met we seemed to hit it off. We're both very honest with each other, which is good.

What was your approach to shooting in the desert?

V: There was the idea to embrace nature, to inspire ourselves from the desert, to work with the brutality of the sun. We were working with a tight schedule and I was aware Roger would have to shoot sometimes in bad light, not having the luxury to shoot in perfect light. I remember saying should we try to embrace that, to have actors with shadows, to have silhouettes in the sun. There was a photographer that Roger loves, Alex Webb, that was an inspiration in the colour of Mexico.

D: That script on Prisoners, it could have become so melodramatic. But it was a matter of stripping it down and getting to the sense of it. To me, the whole film ends up being about: How far do you go? What is right? To me, Sicario relates to so much more than just drug trafficking. It relates to Guantanamo Bay and the whole bit.

V: We really insisted, Roger and I, to shoot in Mexico. We didn't want to recreate the Mexican culture in the United States — we thought that would be impossible. Luckily, we were able through time and a lot of meetings to convince them.

D: A LOT of meetings.

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7 Things to know about the new Homeland

SEASON PREMIERE

Fifth season promises to be unlike any of the past runs

Brian Gasparek
For Metro Canada

The wait is finally over. After nine long months, Homeland officially returns to our living rooms this Sunday night.

After redeeming itself as one of television's best thrillers last year, the fifth season of the political drama has become one of this fall's most highly anticipated returns.

But this round of Homeland is expected to be different than everything we've seen in the series over the past five years. This season promises to deliver a major creative overhaul to the show's setting, political themes and to the lives of Carrie Mathison and our other favourite characters.

So what can you expect with all of the changes? We're here to fill you in.

Here are seven things you need to know going into Homeland this season.

1 Goodbye Islamabad, hello Berlin

Time has skipped ahead quite a bit since we last left Carrie, Saul and Quinn. We will learn that season five takes place two and a half years after the season four finale. We will also see that the show has found a brand new setting. This season was shot completely in Berlin, where Carrie now lives. Fun fact: Homeland is officially the first U.S. show to ever film entirely on location in Germany.

2 Carrie has a new job

Carrie's days as an intelligence officer are long gone… at least for now. This season we will find her estranged from the CIA and diligently working for a private security firm in Berlin. In the premiere, we will learn that Carrie is now the head of security for a German philanthropist named Otto Düring.

Carrie embraces motherhood and a new boyfriend in Season Five of Homeland. CONTRIBUTED

3 Tackling ISIS, Vladimir Putin, Edward Snowden

Homeland will finally get away from its ongoing theme of U.S. and Middle Eastern relations in season five. This year's storyline is set to touch on updated real life foreign issues including ISIS, Vladimir Putin, the Charlie Hebdo shooting and Edward Snowden.

4 Carrie is all about being a mom now

Despite the horrible "bathtub scene" that we had to endure between her and her baby daughter in season four, we will now find Carrie to be a loving, interested, bedtime-story-reading mother.

Hard to believe, right?

5 She also has a new boyfriend

We will also learn that Carrie has a new, live-in love interest. His name is Jonas Hollander and he's a lawyer for the foundation that Carrie does security work for. Jonas has a slight ginger resemblance to Carrie's late ex and baby daddy Nick Brody.

6 Carrie has turned to religion

Who would have thought that Carrie would become a devout Christian this season? Apparently a couple calendar years and a new country have changed her. In Carrie's first scene this season, she will be taking communion at a church in Berlin.

7 Still on bad terms with Saul and Quinn

In the premiere, we will find out that two and a half years hasn't changed the relationship between Carrie, Saul and Quinn. Carrie is still out of touch with both of her former CIA partners. But we can only assume that we will see them both in Berlin very quickly this season.

MUSIC

Dial Del Rey and she might pick up

Alan Cross
For Metro Canada

On the cover of Lana Del Rey's new album, Honeymoon, she's seen in the back seat of a convertible belonging to what looks like one of those "tour the stars' homes" companies in L.A. You'd expect that if you called the number — 1-800-268-7886 — you'd get the head office of StarLine Tours, right?

Nope. Had you called last week, you would have been connected directly to... Lana Del Rey.

After Instagramming the message "Call me, I'm home," fans took that as a hint to call her at that number. (I tried calling it this week but all I got was a message saying that I couldn't be connected because of "technical difficulties.")

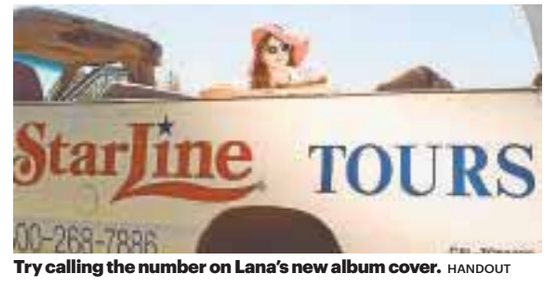
This isn't the first time a star has been available over the phone. On Jan. 8, 1995, Pearl Jam held a syndicated radio broadcast in which Eddie Vedder gave out his cellphone number and for the next 10 days, he periodically answered it. For a while, Pearl Jam also set up a low-power pirate FM radio station after gigs, spinning songs and taking phone calls from fans lingering in the parking lot.

That's fun, but it's nothing when compared to what happened with Tommy Tutone's 1981 hit 867-5309/Jenny, a fake number dreamed up just for the song. All across the continent, people called the number, sometimes using multiple area codes, just to see who would answer.

A couple in Alabama who got tired of phones calls at 3 a.m. even launched a lawsuit over the harassment.

Thirty-four years later, the number is more popular than ever. If you want to be annoying, pick any area code — even 800, 855, 866 or 877 — and see what you get.

A lot of businesses and media outlets have grabbed the number because it's such an easy set of digits to remember. (Plumbing companies seem partial to it.) Meanwhile those who find themselves arbitrarily assigned 867-5309 by their phone companies still get dozens of phone calls a day.



Try calling the number on Lana's new album cover. HANDOUT

And it's not just about phones. In the old Microsoft WebTVs, punching in the code 8675309 prompted the box to connect to see if there were any firmware updates. And that sequence of numbers — random as it appears — was once the fourth most-popular seven-digit password.

Typing www.8765309.com (as opposed to www.8675309.com) will get you a site dedicated to all sorts of trivia about the number and the song. Sadly, the domain for .music is gone. I would have taken that one for myself.

Grier's brand of feminism

TIFF LIGHTBOX

Actress goes Beyond Badass in retrospective

Pam Grier has a problem with "badass."

Which seems odd, since she defines the term. She's the baddest of the badass female screen stars, the shotgun-packing payback seeker in such 1970s "blaxploitation" smashes as Foxy Brown and Coffy, and also in Quentin Tarantino's 1997 crime thriller Jackie Brown, the three films she's introducing this week at TIFF Bell Lightbox.

"When people say 'badass,' and I don't mean to be rude, but I ask them, 'What do you mean by that?'" Grier says from the Colorado horse ranch she calls home.

"I come from a long line of skillet-throwing women. Is that what you mean? Or how about scratching? The first thing you do to your brothers who are picking on you or messing with you is you scratch 'em. That hurts. That actually hurts more than punching."

She laughs, because she knows, you know? At 66, she's traded her signature '70s Afro for long silver tresses ("I've really owned the silver, and I love it"), but she's forever synonymous with all things badass.

The tag line for Foxy Brown billed her as "a chick with drive who don't take no jive!" She's front-and-centre on the poster for BaadAsssss Cinema, Isaac Julien's 2002 documentary on independent black film.

She's an everlasting influence on action queens who followed her trailblazing anti-heroine roles, including Sigourney Weaver's Ripley in the Alien franchise and Charlize Theron's Furiosa in Mad Max: Fury Road.

Grier herself says that whomever is cast to play her in Foxy, the planned biopic based on her bestselling 2010 autobiography, "they're gonna have to bring it!"

The sad fact remains, though, that even in a year that has seen numerous great female screen roles, it's still a novelty to see a woman dominating an action picture, even more so if it's a woman of colour.

"It pisses the f— out of me," she cries.

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Pam Grier in COFFY, the 1973 action film that was one of her "blaxploitation" movies that defined her as a grounding action star. HANDOUT

FOUR BADASS ACTRESSES ACCORDING TO PAM GRIER

Dale Evans

"She could ride horseback and shoot and jump off and throw a few punches, too.

Katharine Hepburn

"Who is going to fix the house and cut the lawn?

Angelina Jolie

"She was really good in Salt, wasn't she? I also loved her in Tomb Raider.

Jennifer Lawrence

"She's great in Hunger Games.

LAURA DERN

Mortgage crisis tale mesmerizes

The U.S. sub-prime mortgage crisis that spelled ruin for thousands and left many homeless is not exactly a catchy subject for a Hollywood movie. But in a new drama — 99 Homes — Oscar-nominated actress Laura Dern tackles the financial meltdown that touched millions and sent ripples across the globe.

Dern, 48, whose film resumé includes Rambling Rose, Sailor and Lula and Blue Velvet, sat down to discuss the movie, which has gotten rave reviews, and life in general.

The film

In 99 Homes, Dern plays a woman whose family is forced out of home by an unscrupulous real estate broker after they are unable to make mortgage payments. Dern said the movie aims to highlight "the level of rage in American families when they are now living in their car because they can no longer afford a motel."

"We're very busy as a culture, thinking about the Kardashians or whatever the new topic is," she said. "It takes us away from the BP oil spill still leaking, bank crisis and people still losing their homes.

"It is amazing to consider who we throw away, and often we throw away the people we've promised the most to."

Social media

"I feel like I'm lucky because ... it isn't what defines me," Dern said of social media. "I'm not of a generation that thinks that if I haven't a certain number of followers, I am or I am not liked or popular, because I didn't grow up that way.

"So I'm basing my values ... on the work or my family, my children, my loved ones, but certainly not on social media."

On aging in Hollywood

"Love where you are as a woman at all times in your life. If you buy into the belief that things are gonna change based on age, it's a tragedy," Dern said.

"I hope I'm my sexiest at 60 and I will say I'm playing more interesting characters than I have in a long time.

"In 10 years, I hope to be braver, bolder, wilder, boundary-less, without any predisposition to what it's supposed to look like," she added. "(I hope) to be complicated, sexy, kind, broken and all the things a woman should be in her 50s. I look forward to that."

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"Often we throw away the people we've promised the most to.

Laura Dern

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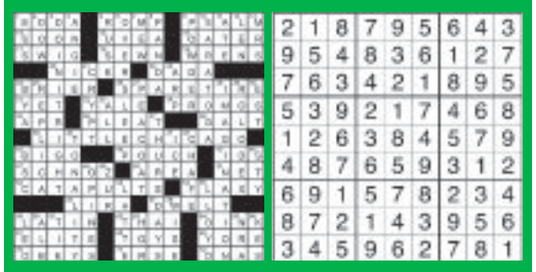

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5 PLACES TO SCARE YOURSELF SILLY THIS HALLOWEEN

If you haven't been frightened on Halloween since you were a kid, these tourist attractions across Canada are bound to crank up your fear factor in the days leading up to the spookfest. **MARK STACHIEW** FOR METRO

HISTORIC GARDENS

1 Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia

Annapolis Royal is a town with so much history that it can't help but have a spectre or two wandering its streets at night. During October, the Nova Scotia municipality transforms into a ghost town with an array of spooky activities ranging from haunted houses at area museums to candlelight graveyard tours and many other events for lovers of the supernatural between Oct. 16-31.

2 Fort Fright, Ontario

During the dark and lonely nights of October, Old Fort Henry in Kingston dims the lights and changes its name to Fort Fright. The dark corners of this War of 1812-era fortress are dressed up to scare the wits out of you. Are you ready for a coffin ride or a creepy tunnel crawl in the dark? The frights are offered between Oct. 1-18, Thursday to Sunday evenings, then nightly from Oct. 22-Nov. 1.

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3 Evil Acres, British Columbia

What's your worst fear? Is it coulrophobia, a fear of clowns, or herpetophobia, a fear of reptiles? Evil Acres in North Saanich on Vancouver Island stokes both of those phobias and a psychology textbook full of others in the Darkness Maze. You can also visit Slaughter House Extreme, which is the eerie remnant of a meat-packing plant that is not as abandoned as it looks. Screams run from Oct. 9-10, 16-18 and 22-31.

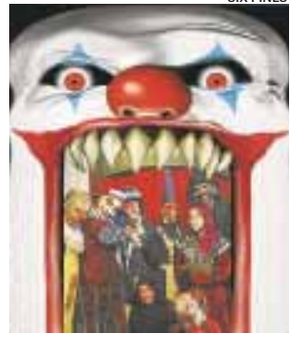
SUE SABROWSKI/ATLAS COAL MINE

4 Atlas Coal Mine, Alberta

The area around Drumheller was once a famous coal-producing region, but those days are long gone. All that is left are the empty mines and the ghosts of the men who worked them. At the Atlas Coal Mine National Historic Site, visitors can experience Little Boo this Oct. 25. It's an afternoon of Halloween activities for gentler souls at this creepy industrial site. Your admission fees raise funds to maintain and restore this piece of Canadian history.

5 Six Pines, Manitoba

SIX PINES



Located north of Winnipeg, Six Pines bills itself as Manitoba's scariest Halloween attraction. By day, they offer the Family Fun Haunt, but when the sun sets, no children are allowed because that's when the real terror begins. Visitors can choose between the provocatively named Barn of Doom or the Terror Train. Pick your poison or take a double dose from Oct. 8-10, 15-17, 22-24 and 29-31.

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Slides, sharks and rum punch in Atlantis

ON THE MOVE

Resort features a 141-acre water park and five hotel options

Loren Christie
For Metro Canada

The Atlantis resort and water park on Paradise Island, the Bahamas. PETER REMUS/ATLANTIS RESORT

Greek lore says that the mythical civilization of Atlantis sunk into the ocean, but I am not so sure. A visit to the Atlantis resort in the Bahamas might have you believing that this mythical kingdom rose again in the form of a Las Vegas-meets-Waterworld pleasure paradise.

The Resort

Atlantis' focal point is water and marine life, built around eight million gallons of fresh- and salt-water pools, lagoons and cascading waterfalls. It also includes a casino, five hotel towers, a golf course and the 141-acre Aquaventure water park. There are options for everyone, whether you are a beach bum, a thrill seeker or want to let your hair down with a midday pool party. Like my first day at Disney World, I was overwhelmed trying to decide where to start.

I went with the Current, a tube-ride that meanders along a 1.5-kilometre route through the park.

At times you are really tossed around in the rapids. I rode it twice. Then after tackling the famous waterslides, two of which shoot you through a shark-infested tank (with the protection of a covered tube), I ended my day drinking margaritas while watching my lounge chair neighbours show off their twerking skills.

Accommodation

The resort includes five different accommodation options. Public relations manager Eric Hall uses an airline analogy to explain the difference: "The Coral and Beach towers are coach. The Royal tower is business class and the Cove and the Reef are first-class."

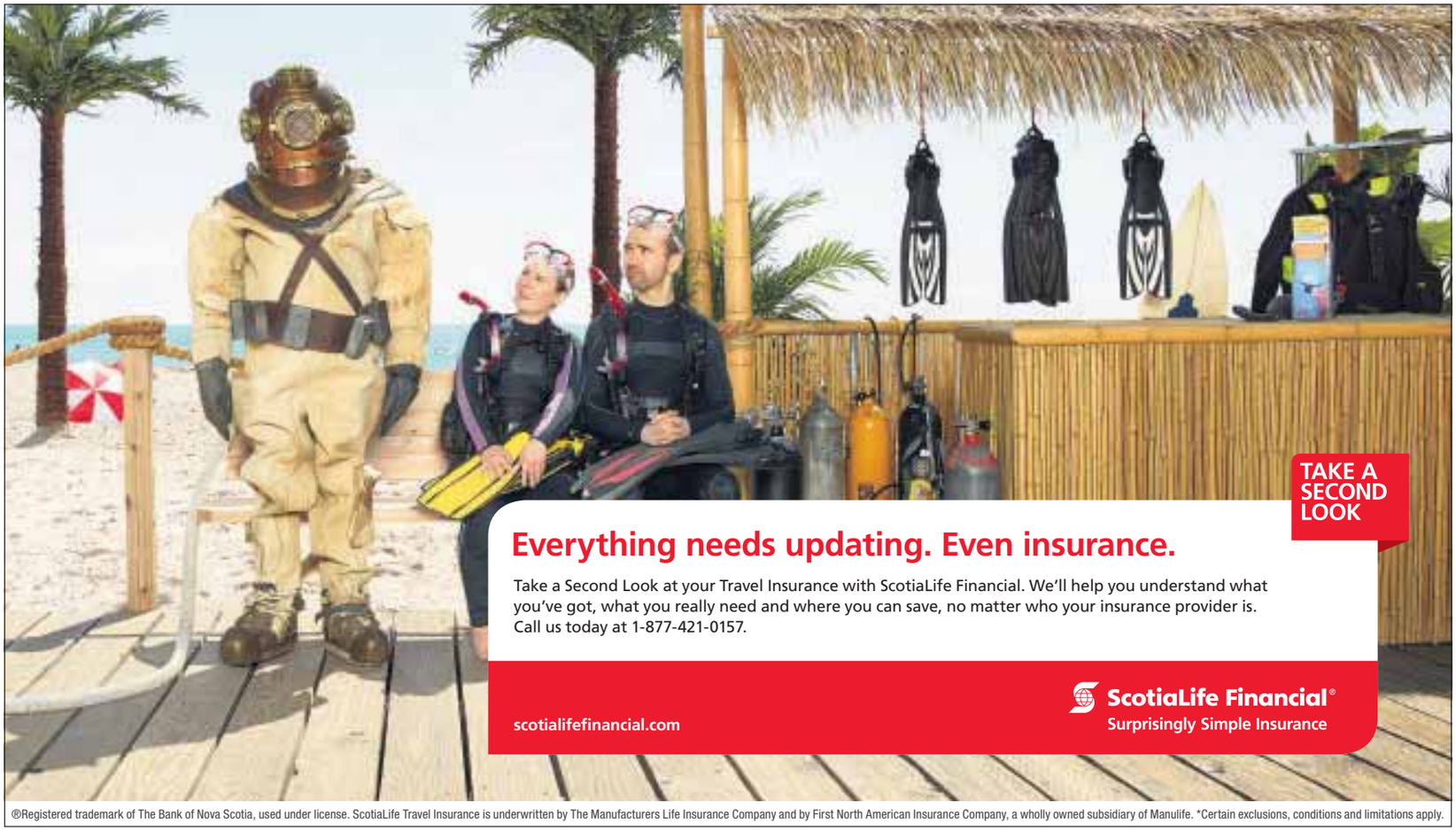
My deluxe ocean-view room in the Cove included a huge bathroom with soaker tub and two sinks (a favourite vacation perk of my spouse), a sitting area and a balcony, which allowed us to watch some incredible sunsets and the cruise ships glide in and out of the port of Nassau. The best perk of the Cove, however, is the respite it provided from the buzz of the resort — akin to staying at the best off-the-Strip hotel in Vegas.

Meals

There are 40 restaurants and bars to choose from, including the world's first pool-side Starbucks and an Atlantis edition of Chef Nobu Matsuhisa's famous restaurant Nobu. Many of the restaurants are stand-alone buildings located in the resort's marina village area. Bimini Road's Bahamian fare includes many iterations of conch and a killer Bahama Mama rum punch.

Final word

From swimming with the dolphins to scuba diving to rock climbing the activities are limitless but this fantasy world does come with a cost. There is no all-inclusive option so make sure to price out your activities before you go and stick to your budget. It's easy to be seduced by all the shiny, wet things.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IN BRIEF

Jackson gets in on action in Cubs' win over Reds

Austin Jackson hit a three-run homer, Anthony Rizzo added an RBI double and the Chicago Cubs kept alive their slim hopes for home-field advantage in the wild-card game with a 5-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Thursday.

Chris Denorfia also drove in a run and the Cubs overcame two errors to move within two games of idle Pittsburgh in the race for home field in Wednesday's NL wild-card playoff game. Both teams have three to play — Chicago in Milwaukee and the Pirates against the Reds in Pittsburgh.

Joey Votto's seventh-inning RBI single extended to 47 his streak of consecutive games in which he's reached base at least once. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dodgers ride Anderson's arm past rival Giants

Brett Anderson pitched two-hit ball into the eighth in his final regular-season start, and the NL West champion Los Angeles Dodgers wrapped up their road schedule with a 3-2 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Thursday.

Anderson (10-9) retired 14 straight batters at one point. The lefty made his 31st start for a career high, topping his 30 outings in 2009 as a rookie with Oakland. Healthy for the season again, he also reached a high for innings with 180-1/3. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One item remains on Jays' pre-playoffs checklist

MLB

Toronto in battle with K.C. for top spot in AL

When the cigar smoke settled from a wild celebration after clinching the American League East, the Toronto Blue Jays were left with more work to do.

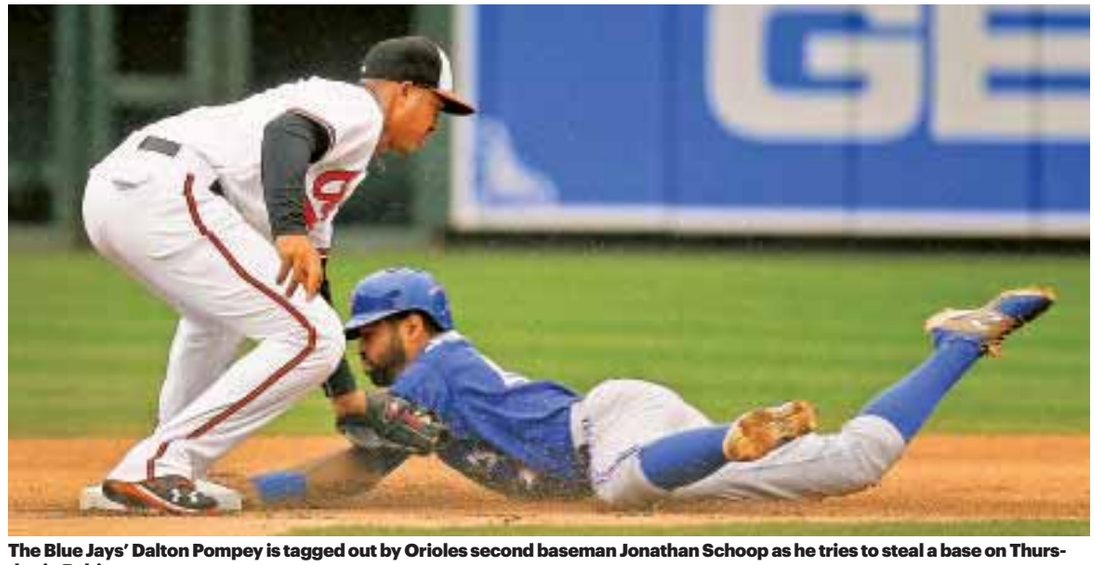
"We think we have more ahead of us," manager John Gibbons said. "We really do."

Gibbons is talking about the playoffs, where oddsmakers have made the Blue Jays World Series favourites. But before that, there's the matter of trying to assure home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

Heading into Thursday, the Blue Jays had a magic number of three to clinch the top seed in the American League. They led the Kansas City Royals by a game but own the tiebreaker, so if the teams finish with an even record, the Blue Jays take it.

Despite fielding a lineup without any regulars in the second half of a doubleheader Wednesday and then again Thursday to give starters a rest, home-field advantage is still something the Blue Jays want.

"We'd love to get it, we're certainly going to fight for it, but you do balance it out with having to give guys rest," general manager Alex Anthopoulos said. "Home field for us with the environment we have at that stadium ... everybody across the league is talking about what an unbelievable environment it is, to have a dome, playing conditions, all that, I think it's a big advantage for us."



The Blue Jays' Dalton Pompey is tagged out by Orioles second baseman Jonathan Schoop as he tries to steal a base on Thursday in Baltimore. ROB CARR/GETTY IMAGES

Rogers Centre was sold out for 20 of the final 21 home games of the regular season, and ace David Price remarked on the day he debuted for Toronto that he had never pitched in an atmosphere like that before.

Price won't get a chance to pitch again until Game 1 of the ALDS on Thursday. The Blue Jays opted to hold him out of his scheduled start in Baltimore and ultimately decided to give him rest rather than having him pitch in the final series of the season at the Tampa Bay Rays.

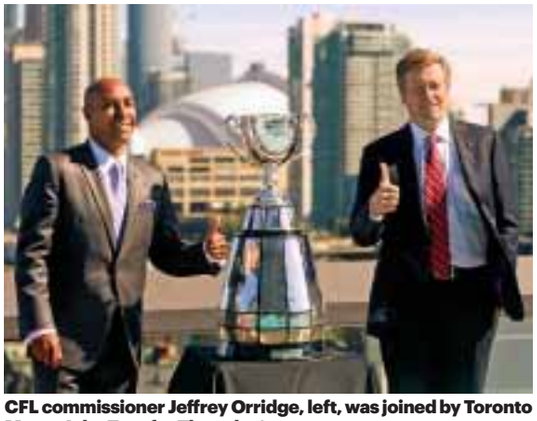
Mark Buehrle is set to pitch Friday and Marco Estrada on Saturday. Toronto's starter for Sunday is to be determined.

Clinching the AL's top seed would mean facing the winner of the wild-card game in the first round. The New York Yankees will likely host either the Houston Astros, Los Angeles Angels or Minnesota Twins in that one-game playoff Tuesday.

If the Royals finish with a better record, the Blue Jays would very likely face the Texas Rangers, who are close to wrapping up the AL West. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SERIES FINALE

The Baltimore Orioles took advantage of the Blue Jays resting their starters, winning a rain-marred game 6-4 on Thursday. Manny Machado homered twice for the O's in a game that was delayed for 3 hours, 25 minutes after the first inning. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



CFL commissioner Jeffrey Orridge, left, was joined by Toronto Mayor John Tory for Thursday's announcement.
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CFL

Toronto scores Grey Cup hosting gig

The CFL will bring its championship game back to Toronto next year and this time it will have more of a true football feel.

The 2016 Grey Cup will be played outdoors on grass at a refurbished BMO Field, which will become the new home of the Argonauts when they move out of Rogers Centre after this season. The 104th edition of the Grey Cup is set for Nov. 27, 2016.

"We think this is the perfect opportunity," said CFL commissioner Jeffrey Orridge. "It's going to culminate the debut of the new era of Toronto Argonauts football and also it helps set the stage for the new era of the CFL. It's a beautiful stadium and it's a newly renovated stadium.

> **"The 2016 Grey Cup will be all about the future ... the future of the CFL, and the bright future of the Toronto Argonauts here in Canada's biggest city.**
> CFL commissioner Jeffrey Orridge

"So it's a perfect environment for us to play and it really does symbolize the new CFL with great stadiums and great social events."

Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment chairman Larry Tanenbaum, who will become the Argos' co-owner at the end of the year, was joined by Orridge, Toronto Mayor John Tory and league officials for Thursday's formal announcement, which was made on a hotel rooftop patio with both stadiums visible across the skyline.

The 2016 game will offer a retro feel for local fans, who often dealt with rain, snow and blustery conditions when the Argos played at The Ex before moving to SkyDome in 1989.

Toronto last hosted the Grey Cup in 2012 when the championship celebrated its 100th anniversary. THE CANADIAN PRESS

France first team into quarter-finals

RUGBY WORLD CUP

Brave Canucks resist Les Bleus in first half before folding

France's Brice Dulin gets tackled by Canada's DTH van der Merwe and Jamie Cudmore. BERTRAND LANGLOIS/AFP

IN ENGLAND

FRANCE	CANADA
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France became the first team through to the Rugby World Cup quarterfinals after scoring five tries in a 41-18 win against Canada in their Pool D match on Thursday.

Veteran lock Pascal Pape scored the fourth try to earn the all-important bonus point that France — runner-up in 2011 to the Kiwis — needed to reach the last eight.

France now faces Ireland in a game that should determine top spot in Pool D, with the winner likely to avoid a showdown with the All Blacks in the last 8. Despite the full-time score against Canada, it was a somewhat patchy performance from France and the only safe bet was the accurate kicking of Frederic Michalak. The flyhalf, 32, converted the first four tries and added two penalties on his way to becoming his country's all-time World Cup scorer. Despite it being a fifth straight win for France, Saint-Andre will be seeking answers as to why his team switched off in the first half.

The French appeared to be in complete control at 17-0 after tries from centre Wesley Fofana and hooker Guilhem Guirado, but Canada rallied with two quick tries. Winger DTH Van Der Merwe crossed out wide and hooker Aaron Carpenter bulldozed over the creaking French line on the right.

"I'm really proud of the performance," Canada coach Kieran Crowley said. Canada, who are now out of the tournament, plays its last match against Romania.

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OMG: CANDY CRUSH GETS A BOOK DEAL

Candy Crush Saga is to add books to its ever-expanding franchise, getting in on the success of adult colouring with one of two titles due out this season.

Little, Brown is to launch the first two books in a collection that will spring from its licensing deal with King Digital Entertainment, the creator of Candy Crush. Candy Crush Saga and Candy Crush Soda Saga are played by 98 million daily active users worldwide.

For aficionados of the hugely popular mobile game, The Official Candy Crush Saga Top Tips Guide, out Nov. 3, will offer up just what its title promises: an in-depth look at the Candy Kingdom and its parallel Dreamworld, complete with tips for mastering the game's mechanics and its most challenging levels.

The second title taps into a major trends of the moment — adult colouring — with The Candy Crush Coloring Book. Inspired by the episodes and characters from the Candy Kingdom, it is said to be "beautifully intricate," featuring "divine landscapes, sweet patterns and the delectable super-sweet Candies."

The books will become available Oct. 27. AFP

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IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
A certain individual may not deserve your support but you will give it anyway. Chances are you will be in need of assistance yourself and you are more likely to get it if others think they owe you something.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Make sure you spend time planning — it will help you to get twice as much done. The Sun in Libra increases your workload, so you have got to think ahead.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will get every opportunity to show that you have what it takes. But being the boss is not just about giving orders — it's also about making others understand and respect you.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
The thing you most want to avoid is the thing you most need to face. It is not going to go away on its own, so toughen up and tackle it head on.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Friends will go out of their way to assist you over today, so don't sit there pretending that everything is fine because you know that it isn't and so do they. You need help.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you need to persuade someone to give you something today you will find just the right combination of words and body language to make it happen. Whatever it is you desire they will feel it is their duty to provide it for you.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You are beginning to believe that your luck has changed and that you are on the verge of something amazing — you're right. Keep doing the everyday things that will make it happen.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You are worrying about things that will probably never happen. Fortunately, your worries will fade over the weekend.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You seem extremely pleased with yourself — and with good reason. You have at last found what it is you should be doing with your life and are in the process of making magnificent plans. Think them through.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The planets indicate that you will find the courage to make the kind of difficult decision that most people would prefer not to think about. Change is something to be welcomed.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
End the week in a positive frame of mind and you will accomplish great things over the weekend. Remember, it's not what happens that matters — it's the way you choose to react.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You may not be able to explain how you reach a certain conclusion but your instincts tell you it is right, so trust them. Financial matters are especially well starred — if you act on your subconscious promptings.

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RECIPE Avocado Lettuce Tomato

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

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Ready in
Prep time: 5 minutes
Serves 2

Ingredients
- 1 tomato
- 1 tsp olive oil
- Sea salt
- 1/2 avocado, pitted and mashed
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 4 basil leaves, torn
- 4 pieces of multi-grain bread, toasted
- 1/2 head of Boston bibb lettuce
- Cucumber slices, if desired

Directions
1. Cut tomato and place on a plate. Coat with olive oil and sprinkle with sea salt. Let stand.
2. Meanwhile, mash avocado in a medium bowl and then add lemon juice and torn basil. Mix until smooth.
3. Toast bread and then smear about a tablespoon and a half of the avocado spread onto the bread. Finish by adding tomato slices and a few pieces of lettuce. Cut in half or in quarters and serve with some cucumber slices.

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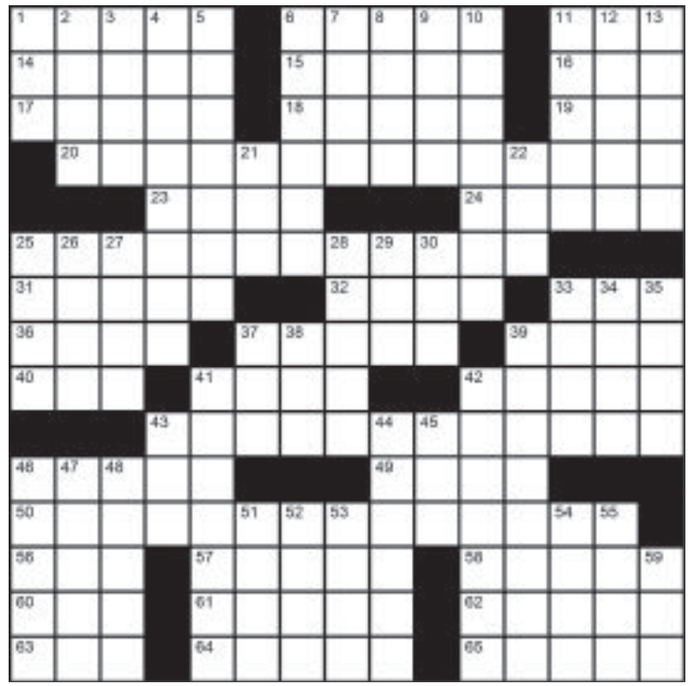
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Psychedelic carpets
6. Sacha Baron Cohen character
11. US filmmakers org.
14. Squish food
15. Popular island retreat
16. Sleeve
17. Feminine inner self, in Jungian psychology
18. Smiled brightly: 2 wds.
19. "Send in the Clowns" query: "Are __ pair?"
20. Canadian newscast anchored by #11-Down: 2 wds.
23. Volcanic flow
24. Speak from the podium
25. Industrial-looking wall feature in a condo loft: 2 wds.
31. Mr. Kinnear's
32. Ms. Horne
33. Canadian actress/model Ms. Anderson, to pals
36. Mr. Busey
37. Sticks
39. Animal rights gr.
40. St. John's International Airport code
41. Dove sounds
42. Mr. Eckhart
43. New competitive TV series for Canadian artists on the CBC: 2 wds.
46. Hair styling product
49. Actress Ms. Kurylenko
50. 1982 short stories book by Canadian writer Alice Munro, with The: 3 wds.
56. Everything
57. Giving-it-a-go-er
58. Canada's largest duck
60. "My Gal __" (1942)
61. Like lots-of-lots-owning lairds
62. Singer Bonnie
63. Timecard abbrs.
64. End table items
65. Rosebud, and others

DOWN
1. Facials-getting lieu
2. __ jury
3. Botanical casing
4. Science for jewellers
5. Fishy-sounding character played by Canadian hockey great Cam Neely in movie comedies: 2 wds.
6. Slow song
7. Wholly __ __ part
8. Montreal-born actress Ms. Lee
9. Adjoin
10. Dessert selection
11. As per #20-Across... Winnipeg-born journalist Ms. Friesen
12. Amazing
13. "I Was __ War Bride" (1949)
21. Holy song: "__ Maria"
22. Mork's planet
25. Like scrambled breakfasts
26. Image of bones
27. __ Plus 2in1 (Shampoo/conditioner brand)
28. Makeup kit item
29. Des'__, British songstress
30. CMs ruler sharers
33. Mere's man
34. 'Origin' suffix
35. Numerous
37. Spar, __ _ few rounds
38. Angeles intro
39. Splendid, like the Buckingham digs in London, England
41. __ clear (Pristine)
42. Port city in North Africa on the Mediterranean
43. Tin
44. Thanksgiving table decorations
45. High mountain
46. Hit song
47. Mr. Bear of the Arctic
48. Sushi shapes
51. Richard Harris 1977 film
52. "The __" (1993) starring Tom Cruise
53. Rough terrain vehicle
54. Ms. Falco
55. Taken back, as a library book [abbr.]
59. Left opp. [pl.]

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